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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH FCO ON SINAI FIELD MISSION

1. KONTOS BRIEFED TOMKYS, HEAD OF FCO NEAR EAST DEPARTMENT, AND SUBORDINATES ON SINAI FIELD MISSION APRIL 7. FCO OFFICERS SHOWED GREAT INTEREST AND INDICATED THEY ARE DOING SOME KIND OF STUDY OF THEIR OWN. IT WAS AGREED KONTOS WOULD STOP IN LONDON ON HIS RETURN TRIP APRIL 20 TO CONVEY TO FCO IMPRESSIONS DERIVED FROM HIS TRIP AND IN COMPANY OF JAMES WALLEN OF SSM, BRIEF FCO ON MORE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF OPERATION. FCO MAY BE PREPARED AT THAT TIME TO GIVE US DRAFT SHOWING THEIR CURRENT THINKING.

2. KONTOS NOTED CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE FOR REPLACEMENT OF SOME AMERICAN PERSONNEL BY THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS, AND ASKED BRITISH WHAT HMG REACTION WOULD BE IF USG, AFTER CONGRESSIONAL DISCUSSION, DECIDED TO MAKE AN APPROACH TO HMG TO CONTRIBUTE SOME BRITISH PERSONNEL. TOMKYS EXPRESSED SOME HESITATION ABOUT ASSIGNING BRITISH PERSONNEL DURING PRESENT STAGE OF SINAI AGREEMENT, SINCE BRITISH UNDERSTAND THE EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELIS MIGHT NOT WISH TO DILUTE THE US PRESENCE AND THE ARABS
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MIGHT SEE PROPOSAL TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE PRESENT STAGE MORE MULTINATIONAL AS A FREEZING OF THE PRESENT SITUATION WHICH IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE PERMANENT. TOMKYS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MORE ACCEPTABLE FOR THE BRITISH AND WEST EUROPEANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT STAGE OF CEASE-FIRE ARRANGEMENTS. HOWEVER, AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION HE SAID HE THOUGHT THAT IF THE USG

APPROACHED HMG WITH A REQUEST FOR BRITISH PERSONNEL FOR
EVEN THE PRESENT STAGE, IF IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT BRITISH
HELP WAS NEEDED AND THERE WAS NO OBJECTION BY THE
EGYPTIANS OR ISRAELIS, THERE WOULD BE A DISPOSITION TO
TRY TO ACCOMMODATE US.

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